



# **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to nucleic acid molecules encoding (poly)peptides having LPI (Lectin Pathway  
5 Inhibitor) activity, to recombinant vectors harboring such molecules, and the host cells carrying the vectors. The invention further relates to methods for preparing recombinant (poly)peptides having LPI activity and to the use of such recombinant (poly)peptides having LPI activity  
10 for diagnosis, prophylaxis and treatment, such as the treatment of inflammation reactions. In addition the invention provides therapeutic and diagnostic compositions comprising as the active ingredient the (poly)peptide having LPI activity.